

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please **CANCEL** claim 15.

Please **AMEND** claims 1-14 and 16-22 as shown below.

The following is a complete list of all claims in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) A digital still camera capable of telecommunication comprising:

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a first converting device unit which converts an optical image into a digital electronic signal indicative of a still image;

a second converting unit which converts sound into an electronic signal;

a receiver which receives an electromagnetic signal ~~generated in accordance with~~
transmitted through a wireless telephone system network;

a modifying unit which modifies said electromagnetic signal into a digital electronic signal indicative of a still image; ~~and~~

a device display unit which alternatively displays a still image ~~on the basis of~~ based on
the digital electronic signal from the converting ~~device unit~~ or from the modifying unit;

a combination unit which combines the digital electronic signal and the electronic signal
to form a combination signal;

a designating unit which designates a remote device in the wireless telephone network
with a specific phone number thereof;

a storage unit which stores at least one phone number; and

a control unit which prevents the combination unit from combining the digital electronic signal with the electronic signal when the specific phone number of the remote device coincides with the phone number stored in the storage unit.

2. (Currently Amended) The digital still camera ~~capable of telecommunication in accordance with~~ of claim 1, further comprising a memory which alternatively stores the digital electronic signal from the converting ~~device~~ unit or from the modifying unit, ~~the displaying device being responsive to the memory.~~

El Cont 3. (Currently Amended) The digital still camera ~~capable of telecommunication in accordance with~~ of claim 1, wherein the ~~displaying device~~ display unit includes a reflection type color liquid crystal display device ~~without back light illumination.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The digital still camera ~~capable of telecommunication in accordance with~~ of claim 1, further comprising ~~a device~~ an activation unit for automatically activating the receiver ~~responsive to~~ in response to an electromagnetic signal transmitted generated in accordance with through the a wireless telephone system ~~network and~~ identifying the digital still camera.

5. (Currently Amended) The digital still camera ~~capable of telecommunication in accordance with~~ of claim 1, further comprising a speaker for generating an audio signal in response to the electromagnetic signal ~~generated in accordance with a~~ transmitted through the wireless telephone system and received by the receiver.

6. (Currently Amended) The digital still camera ~~capable of telecommunication in accordance with~~ of claim 5, further comprising a device display control unit which controls responsive to the receiver for controlling the displaying device display unit, in response to the electromagnetic signal received by the receiver, to indicate whether the received electromagnetic signal contains a still image signal or an audio signal.

7. (Currently Amended) The digital still camera ~~capable of telecommunication in accordance with~~ of claim 5, further comprising a switching unit that switches between device for switching a first mode of generating the audio signal via the speaker in response to the electromagnetic signal received by the receiver ~~to~~ and a second mode of displaying the image on the ~~displaying device~~ display unit in response to the electromagnetic signal received by the receiver.

8. (Currently Amended) The digital still camera ~~capable of telecommunication in accordance with~~ of claim 7, further comprising a ~~device for~~ an inhibiting unit which inhibits the speaker from generating the audio signal in the second mode.

9. (Currently Amended) The digital still camera ~~capable of telecommunication in accordance with~~ of claim 7, further comprising a ~~device for~~ distinguishing unit which distinguishes an electromagnetic signal containing a still image signal from an electromagnetic signal containing an audio signal, to ~~thereby~~ automatically controlling control the switching device unit.

10. (Currently Amended) The digital still camera ~~capable of telecommunication in~~
~~accordance with~~ of claim 7, further comprising a ~~device for manually controlling~~ manual control
unit which allows an operator to manually control the switching device unit.

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(Currently Amended) A digital still camera capable of telecommunication
comprising:

a converting ~~device~~ unit which converts an optical image into a digital electromagnetic
signal indicative of a still image;

a microphone which converts sound into an electronic signal;

a combination unit which combines the digital electromagnetic signal and the electronic
signal to form a combination signal;

a designation unit which designates a remote device in a wireless telephone network with
a specific number thereof;

a storage unit which stores at least one phone number;

a control unit which prevents the combination unit from combining the digital electronic
signal with the electric signal when the specific phone number of the remote device coincides
with the phone number stored in the storage unit;

a receiver which receives an electromagnetic signal ~~generated in accordance with~~
transmitted through the a wireless telephone system network;

a modifying unit which modifies said electromagnetic signal into a digital electronic
signal indicative of a still image;

a device display unit which alternatively displays a still image ~~on the basis of~~ based on
the digital electronic signal from the converting device unit or from the modifying unit;

a speaker for generating an audio signal ~~in response to~~ from the electromagnetic signal
~~generated in accordance with a~~ transmitted through the wireless telephone ~~system~~ network and
received by the receiver; and

a device first extracting unit which extracts ~~for extracting~~ an audio signal component
from an electromagnetic signal containing both a still image signal and an audio signal ~~to control~~
~~the speaker;~~ and

a device second extracting unit which extracts ~~for extracting~~ a still image signal
component from the ~~same~~ electromagnetic signal containing both a still image signal and an
audio signal ~~to control the displaying device,~~

whereby the ~~displaying device~~ display unit is capable of displaying the still image while
the audio signal is being generated from the speaker.

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~~12.~~ (Currently Amended) The digital still camera ~~capable of telecommunication in~~
~~accordance with~~ of claim 11, further comprising:

a ~~microphone for converting sound into an electronic signal;~~

a ~~device for combining the digital electronic signal indicative of a still image with the~~
~~electronic audio signal to form a combination signal; and~~

a ~~device for transmitting~~ transmission unit which transmits the combination signal as an
electromagnetic signal ~~generated in accordance with~~ through the a wireless telephone ~~system~~
network, whereby the still image is ~~capable of being transmitted while the audio signal is~~

~~transmitted by the transmitting device~~ transmission unit is capable of transmitting the digital electronic signal indicative of a still image and the audio signal separately.

~~17/3~~ (Currently Amended) The digital still camera ~~capable of telecommunication in accordance with~~ of claim ~~12/2~~ ^{16/2}, further comprising a device storage unit responsive to the converting device, for storing which stores the digital electromagnetic signal indicative of a still image from the converting unit,

~~wherein the combining device~~ combination unit is responsive to the memory to thereby combine combines the digital electronic signal indicative of a still image stored in the storage unit with the electronic audio signal converted prior to the combining operation.

~~18/4~~ (Currently Amended) The digital still camera ~~capable of telecommunication in accordance with~~ of claim ~~12/2~~ ^{16/2}, wherein the converting ~~device unit~~ is capable of converting ~~an the~~ optical image into a the digital electronic signal indicative of a still image while the audio signal is transmitted by the ~~transmitting device~~ transmission unit.

[15. (Cancelled)

~~19/1~~ (Currently Amended) The digital still camera ~~capable of telecommunication in accordance with~~ of claim 5, further comprising a microphone for converting sound into an electronic audio signal,

wherein the speaker and the microphone have a first mode function in which they are used with the ear and the mouth of a user respectively close thereto and a second mode function in which they are used with the ear and the mouth of a user respectively remote therefrom.

¹²/₁₁ (Currently Amended) The digital still camera ~~capable of telecommunication in~~ accordance with of claim ¹¹/₁₀, further comprising a manual switch for activating the display device unit,

wherein the speaker and the microphone are automatically changed into the second mode when the display means is activated by the manual switch .

¹³/₁₂ (Currently Amended) The digital still camera ~~capable of telecommunication in~~ accordance with of claim 1, wherein the ~~optical image~~ first converting device unit is directed toward an object located at a position where the display device unit is not observable.

¹⁴/₁₃ (Currently Amended) The digital still camera ~~capable of telecommunication in~~ accordance with of claim ¹³/₁₂, wherein the first converting device unit is capable of being directed toward an object located at a position where the display device unit is observable.

¹⁹/₂₀ (Currently Amended) A digital still camera capable of telecommunication comprising:

a device converting unit which converts an optical image into a digital electronic signal indicative of a still image;


a microphone for converting sound into an electronic audio signal;

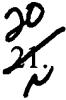
a device selecting unit which selects one of the digital electronic signal ~~indicative of a still image~~ and the electronic audio signal;

a first transmitter which transmits an electromagnetic signal ~~generated in accordance with~~ through a wireless telephone system network to designate a remote device having a telephone number;

a second transmitter which transmits the signal selected by the selecting device unit as an electromagnetic signal ~~generate in accordance with a~~ through the wireless telephone system network ~~containing the still image signal or the electronic audio signal~~ to the designated remote device;

a memory which stores at least one specific telephone number; and

 a device ~~for preventing~~ control unit which prevents the selecting device unit from selecting the digital electronic signal ~~indicative of the still image~~ when the telephone number designating the remote device coincides with the specific telephone number.

 (Currently Amended) A digital still camera capable of telecommunication comprising:

a device converting unit which converts an optical image into a digital electronic signal indicative of a still image;

a microphone for converting sound into an electronic audio signal;

a combination unit which combines the digital electronic signal with the electronic audio signal;

a designation unit which designates a remote device in a wireless telephone network with a specific phone number thereof;


a storage unit which stores at least one phone number;

a first control unit which allows or prevents the combination unit from combining the digital electronic signal with the electronic signal when the specific phone number of the remote device coincides with the phone number stored in the storage unit;

a ~~device~~ selecting unit which selects one of the digital electronic signal indicative of the still image and the electronic audio signal;

a transmitter which transmits the signal selected by the selecting ~~device~~ unit as an electromagnetic signal containing the still image signal or the electronic audio signal generated in accordance with a through the wireless telephone system network containing the still image signal or the electronic audio signal; and

a ~~device~~ second control unit which prevents the selecting ~~device~~ unit from selecting the digital electronic signal indicative of the still image unless the selection is requested by a manual operation.


 ²¹/₂₂ (Currently Amended) A digital still camera capable of telecommunication comprising:

a ~~device~~ converting unit which converts an optical image into a digital electronic signal indicative of a still image;

a memory which stores at least one specific telephone number;

a first transmitter which transmits an electromagnetic signal generated in accordance with a wireless telephone system to designate a remote device with a telephone number;

a second transmitter which transmits the digital electronic signal indicative of the still image as an electromagnetic signal generated in accordance with a wireless telephone system containing the still image; and

 a device control unit which allows the transmission of the electromagnetic signal containing the still image when the telephone number designating the remote device coincides with the specific telephone number in the memory.
